

Kuan Yew writes to PM on remarks

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SINGAPORE: Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew (picture) has written to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi over his recent remarks about the Chinese being marginalised in Malaysia.

His Press secretary, Y.Y. Yeong, said the letter was now with the Singapore High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, a report in the republic's *The Straits Times* said.

"(It) is ready to be personally conveyed to Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi," she said.

Abdullah wrote to Lee this week seeking clarification over the controversial remarks.

Lee, 83, told a forum on good governance here on Sept 15 that the attitude of Malaysia and Indonesia towards the republic was shaped by the way they treated their Chinese communities.

"My neighbours both have prob-

lems with their Chinese. They are successful, they're hardworking and therefore they are systematically marginalised, even in education.

"And they want Singapore, to put it simply, to be like their Chinese — compliant," Lee had said.

The remarks drew protests in Malaysia and Indonesia. — Bernama